

Senior Center to remain open without ADC services

Jennifer Nuckolls

Despite the rumors going around that the Hickman County Senior Citizen Center is closing come July 1, Director Wendy Stairs and staff want to clarify that the center is and will be still going strong. The only change is that the Adult Day Care program would no longer be held at the center.

The senior center will still operate normally and offer a recreational area for seniors age 60 and up. The Day Care program led by Rhonda Parham is run on a specific schedule approved by the PADD office and has its own regulations and restrictions. As of June 16, there were still seven active participants in the Adult Day Care Program, which provides activities for qualifying elderly such as the Senior Olympics. The Senior Center will lose between \$38,000 and \$40,000 in grant money annually with the closure of the Adult Day Care program.

When the program is phased out on July 1, seniors will still be allowed to come and go freely and utilize the center as they wish. All other services will still be offered including transportation and exercise classes. Meals will continue to be served each day to the public for a minimal fee and the building itself can be rented for birthday parties, showers, meetings, etc.



Trisha Polsgrove, Patient Care Representative for Lifeline Home Health Care, instructs seniors during the "sitter-cise" session held at the Hickman County Senior Citizen Center last Thursday.

"This center was founded on socialization. We welcome anyone and want people to come by and play pool, drink coffee or just hangout," said Stairs.

"We don't want people to think that our doors are closing. However, if we don't start getting more participation within the center from the community

then it all might be in jeopardy," she continued.

The senior center staff pleads that the people of Hickman County step up at this time and help clear the air about the miscommunication. The staff works hard each day to provide for the community and are simply asking for the same in return. Stairs said Monday

that the Center is dangerously close to having to cut staff if donations do not pick up soon.

To make a donation to the Hickman County Senior Citizen Center or to schedule an event at the center, contact Stairs at 270-653-4314 or even better ,stop by and pay a visit.



Dr. William A "Bill" Smith, Jr. began seeing patients at Clinton Family Care Clinic on June 2.

Smith now practicing in Clinton

Fulton, KY – Parkway Regional Hospital is pleased to welcome Dr. William A., "Bill," Smith, Jr. to their medical staff. Effective since June 2nd, Dr. Smith is seeing patients over seven years of age in the Clinton Care Clinic at 106 W. Clay St., Clinton, KY on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. A native of this region, Dr. Smith chose to return to a rural community and hospital practice this year after retiring from a distinguished military career in 2012. He served 20 years in the US Army and four years in the Air Force. For four of those years he was in combat.

While in the military, Dr. Smith was assigned to the 86th Combat Support Hospital with the 4th Infantry Division, attached to the 82nd Airborne Division. He did two tours of duty each in Iraq and Afghanistan, and he was in the Persian Gulf War. He was a flight surgeon with the 511th Tactical Fighter Squadron. One of his main roles as a flight surgeon was to stabilize soldiers with traumatic injuries until they could get to surgery.

Dr. Smith received his B.A. degree in History from Vanderbilt University. He graduated from the University of Kentucky medical school and did his internship and a residency in neurology at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He also completed a residency in Internal Medicine at James Quillen College of Medicine, Johnson City, TN. Dr. Smith is board certified in Internal Medicine, is a Fellow in the American College of Physicians, and a Fellow in the Royal Society of Medicine (London, England).

He was previously associated with Parkway Regional Hospital as a staff Internist/Neurologist in 1994-1997 at Hillview Clinic. During that time he also provided relief coverage in Clinton for Dr. Hubert Kiefl. He stated that he looks forward to being

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Washington tour a 'dream come true' for Ellegood

Haley-Marie Ellegood spent last Friday enjoying a riverboat cruise down the Potomac River during the Kentucky Rural Electric Washington Tour that she is participating in this week.

Ellegood left for the annual week long, all expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. on Friday, June 13 and will return on Friday, June 20. She is representing the Hickman-Fulton Counties RECC and is accompanied by students that represent 21 other participating electric co-ops.

Throughout the week Ellegood will tour Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson and the World War II, Vietnam Veterans, Lincoln, and Korean Veterans memorials. She was also scheduled to attend a "Commodores" concert by the United States Navy Band.

On Tuesday the students will visit the White House and have appointments with state representatives and senators on Wednesday.

When asked if she had spoken with Haley-Marie about her trip, her



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mother Amanda Estes replied, "The most text I've received are only one

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SHINE kicking off this week

After a winter of snow and a spring of rain, we are ready to SHINE at First United Methodist Church. This is the third year for SHINE Children's Ministry programming at the church for children kindergarten through 5th grade. Rather than the traditional one week Bible school, SHINE is a series of events over the summer to keep children engaged with the church, in fellowship with each other and learning about Jesus.

The schedule is created after consulting with other county churches' Bible school schedules. The goal is that by filling in the gaps between Bible school dates, children will have something to do every week during the summer. This year we kick off on Wednesday, June 18 from 1-3 p.m. at the Young Center to see "The Lego Movie". There will be popcorn and snacks and children will learn that while the movie's catchy song is "Everything is Awesome", they will know the most important thing to remember is that 'JESUS is

Awesome."

The second event of the year is scheduled for July 2, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and the theme is "Celebrate Freedom, Jesus sets us free!". Participants will do crafts and have fun activities to remember the sacrifice Jesus made for them to set them free.

The third event is a two-day Bible school style event – BLAST OFF "Launching Kids on a Mission of God's love". Participants will blast off on July 24 and July 25 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. And they'll close the summer programming with their traditional "Splash Day" Water Park at the Pavilion behind the church from 3-5 p.m. Leanna Wilkerson and company look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones this summer. All events take place at the church.

To register your child for any event or ask for a ride, please call the church at (270) 627-6300 or come 30 minutes prior to the start time and fill out permission and emergency contact forms.

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Delaying Social Security could increase lifetime income for Hickman Countians

By Tim Marema and Roberto Gallardo
The Daily Yonder

Hickman County residents who are nearing retirement age can increase their lifetime income if they can wait a bit to start drawing Social Security benefits.

In Hickman County 683 residents – or 14.4 percent of the population – are aged 55 to 64. Those are the years when folks start thinking seriously about retirement.

Workers can start taking Social

Security at age 62. But for those who can wait, the benefits go up.

"If you need Social Security early, take it – you've earned it," said Virginia Reno with the National Academy of Social Insurance, a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C. "But waiting even a year or two can make a big difference in the long run. The extra benefits are there for life."

Payments increase by 5 to 7 percent for each year of delay between ages 62 and 66, and by 8 percent for each year of delay between ages 66 and 70. The

increases stop at age 70.

For someone who can wait until age 70 to take Social Security, the reward is a lifetime monthly benefit that is 76 percent higher than if taken at age 62.

For example, a worker who qualifies for a Social Security benefit of \$750 at age 62 would receive \$1,000 by waiting until full retirement age (66 for people born in 1943 to 1954). By waiting until age 70, the retiree would receive \$1,320 a month.

The higher benefit would also be the basis for future inflation adjustments.

Around Kentucky, only about one

in four residents who are currently receiving Social Security retirement benefits waited until full retirement age to start their payments, according to the Social Security Administration.

In Hickman County, 910 residents received retirement benefits from the federal system, according to 2012 figures.

The average recipient of Social Security retirement benefits in Hickman County received \$1,104 a month in December of that year. On an annual basis, that brought \$12,060,000

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LOCAL NEWS

Reception to honor Bill and Donna Reynolds

The children of Bill and Donna Reynolds are hosting a 50th wedding anniversary reception at the fellowship hall of New Harmony Baptist Church immediately following the morning service on Sunday, June 22.

Finger foods and cake will be served till 3:00. Please come join us as we celebrate such a wonderful and special occasion. No gifts please.



Bill and Donna Reynolds

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in income to the area – 6.4 percent of all personal income in the county, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Getting the most out of Social Security benefits becomes more important the longer retirees live, said Leticia Miranda, a policy adviser with the National Council of La Raza, a nonprofit that focuses on Hispanic issues, including retirement.

“You may be here longer than you think,” Miranda said.

About half of seniors aged 65 to 69 get most of their income from Social Security. Many have other assets or work part time. But for three out of four seniors in their 80s, Social Security is the main source of income.

Nationally, a woman who is 65 years old today can expect to live until she is 86. For men, it’s 84 years.

Another consideration is how the timing of benefits will affect a spouse’s income, Reno said.

“If you are the higher earner in a couple, delaying benefits not only means a higher benefit for you for the rest of your life,” she said. “It also means a higher benefit for your spouse if she or he outlives you in old age.”

In more than half of couples who are 65 today, one spouse will live beyond 90, she said.

But residents of nonmetropolitan areas like Hickman County may have a harder time delaying their retirement.

“In rural areas there is often a challenge as folks move toward

retirement,” said Deanna Sharpe, a personal finance professor at the University of Missouri. “They are more likely to face unemployment. Jobs are not as available. And when they are, they tend to pay less.”

Economic downturns can also affect when people decide to start receiving Social Security, Sharpe said.

“One of the coping mechanisms during the recent recession was to pick up Social Security at age 62, even if they might not have planned to do that before the recession,” she said.

Retirees need to make informed decisions, Sharpe said, but too often that doesn’t happen.

“We find in surveys of financial literacy that quite a large portion of folks don’t understand the basics,” she said. “That’s a concern.”

But retirees can easily find free or low-cost advice. Sharpe said many USDA Extension Service offices can provide information on retirement planning. She also recommended nonprofit organizations such as the National Endowment for Financial Counseling and Financial Education (www.nefe.org).

The Social Security Administration website (ssa.gov) has a calculator that allows workers to estimate their retirement earnings based on their own work records and estimated retirement age.

And the National Academy of Social Insurance has materials

online about the impact of delaying Social Security benefits (www.nasi.org/WhenToTakeSocialSecurity).

With national discussions about Social Security frequently in the news, some workers may worry whether the system will be there when they need it. Sharpe said people should stay abreast of the issues. “That’s part of making an informed decision,” she said.

But Reno said that should not influence a personal decision about when to draw benefits.

“Social Security will be there if you wait,” she said. The system is fully financed for about the next two decades and is three-quarters financed thereafter, she said.

“Despite what you may hear, lawmakers have some good options to fix the system for the long haul,” she said.

Tim Marema is editor of the Daily Yonder (www.dailyyonder.com), a national website that covers news about small cities and rural America. Roberto Gallardo is an associate professor at the Mississippi State University Extension Service.

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Local consignment sale scheduled for July 19

The Clinton-Hickman County Chamber is happy to announce the first Clinton-Hickman County Kids Consignment Sale on July 19 from 8am-6pm at First United Methodist Young Center. This will be a fundraiser event for the Chamber.

Baby clothing 0-24 months, children clothing 2T-Juniors sizes, baby items such as strollers, car seats, & toys will be accepted. Items will need to be tagged according to our guidelines. Only clean clothing and toys will be accepted.

Fees for consigning your items are 20 percent of sales plus a \$20 consigner fee. Whether you have a little or a lot of items, you keep 80 percent of the sales price! There will be more specific fee infor-

mation, tagging instructions, other directions, and other information on our website www.clintonhickmancountychamber.com by June 20. For any questions, please contact Deena Pittman.

The following is some information on how the event will take place: Consigners will be required to drop their clothing off at the Young Center on Friday, July 18 anytime from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. to participate. All items that are not sold must be picked up between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Saturday, June 19. All items not picked up will be donated to The Mission House, NO Exceptions. There will be a specific date that everyone can pick up their consigner checks or have the option to have it mailed to them.

The Chamber of Commerce board thought that July 19 was a good starting date for the first Clinton- Hickman County Kids Consignment Sale. If it is a success, they will plan to have a sale twice a year.

The Clinton-Hickman County Chamber of Commerce exists to promote local businesses, enhance a sense of community, provide a viable social network and encourage a quality lifestyle. Our small town has a big heart, friendly people and great ideas.

For more information about the Clinton-Hickman County Chamber of commerce, visit their website at <http://www.clintonhickmancountychamber.com>.

Fourth Arrest in Holly Bobo Case

According to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, two brothers were arrested on May 29 in connection to the disappearance of nursing student, Holly Bobo.

With the arrest of Jeffrey and Mark Pearcy, it brings the total suspects arrested to four. The brothers are being charged with tampering with evidence and accessory after the fact. Jeffrey Kurt Pearcy, 42, was released on \$25,000 bond after he pleaded “not guilty” last Wednesday, June 11. Jeffrey Pearcy’s attorney, Olin Baker, said the charges and claims against his client were untrue.

Mark Lynn Pearcy, 38, remains in Carroll County jail on the same charges and is being represented by attorney Mike Cash. Mark Pearcy is listed in Tennessee Criminal Records as a registered sex offender. According to the TBI, Mark Pearcy was arrested on October 3, 2000 for statutory



Jeffrey Pearcy



Mark Pearcy

rape with prior convictions for statutory, mitigated, or aggravated rape.

Investigators said in an affidavit that Jeffrey Pearcy showed a video to someone “that will prove to be beneficial in the prosecution of a current ongoing investigation being conducted by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.” The TBI would not reveal what was in the “alleged video” but said in an email to news organizations, “Out of respect for the judicial process, we cannot speak to the particular possible pieces of evidence in this case. We continue our work to follow the leads wherever they might lead. We won’t stop until we find a sense of justice and closure for the family and friends of Holly Bobo.”

The Pearcy brothers join Zachary Rye Adams, Shayne Austin, and Jason Autry as suspects in the ongoing investigation of the kidnapping and murder of Holly Bobo. Holly was 20 years old when she went missing on April 13, 2011. There have been multiple searches of the Darden area where she was last seen. The Camden Chronicle will have a follow-up story next week including a time-line representing all of the highlights of the case.

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News From CROC (Changing Results of Co-op) HFRECC

Committee is sure by now you have received your post card noting both candidates have withdrawn names from petitions. See how easy it could be to send out ballots.

On average about 250 members, attend the annual meeting. CROC hopes we have brought some issues to light and members from all counties involved will attend the annual meeting this year. There are approximately 2,700 owner/members in the Coop.

If you have never attended an annual meeting, you will register at the door and received ballots and a chance to win door prizes, free food, and enjoy the entertainment. On the ballots, you can vote for candidates, not vote for candidates, or “write in your favorite singer”.

Phase 1 of CROC has failed but we will be monitoring HFRECC closely in hopes that owner/member interests will be put first.

Question: After all expenses are paid what happens to monies left over? I think you know! The bylaws say, “we are a non-profit Coop so any monies left over can be credited to your account, or lower our rates.” HFRECC has to keep accurate account of what you pay for this reason.

CROC meeting Tuesday, June 17, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Every 3rd Thursday of the month from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., beginning in July. Everyone is welcome.

Email concerns or questions to croc_recc@yahoo.com
Text: Joe Jackson at 270-627-4551
Call: Lee Roy (Bubba) Harrison at 270-838-9931

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Make Sure Your Family Has a Disaster Plan

By Jason Alderman

June 1 marked the beginning of hurricane season. Meanwhile, across much of the Western U.S., major droughts have greatly increased the danger for summer wildfires. And don't forget last winter's record-breaking winter storms – or the ongoing potential for earthquakes, tornados, floods and other natural disasters.

Such catastrophic events are inevitable, largely unpreventable and often strike without warning. Even though we can't always predict natural disasters, we can anticipate their likely aftermaths, including property loss, power or water service disruption and scarcity of food and supplies.

Sit down with your family and develop a disaster plan. By planning ahead and knowing what you might need under dire circumstances, you can save yourselves a lot of time, money and grief.

FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (www.fema.gov), offers great suggestions for developing a family emergency plan, building an emergency supply kit, and learning what to do before, during and after emergencies (everything from home fires to terrorist attacks). They even provide an emergency plan for family pets.

Here are some emergency-planning ideas you may not have considered:

- Pick meeting spots both in and outside your

neighborhood where your family can gather after an emergency.

- Choose one person (possibly out-of-town) everyone can contact for updates.
- Make sure your kids know how to escape the house in case of fire.
- Identify and stock essential items you'll need to survive for at least three days in case help is unavailable. Include ample water (at least a gallon per person, per day), non-perishable food, and medications. Don't forget water, food and supplies for pets.
- Stock an emergency kit with batteries, flashlight, a battery-powered or hand-cranked radio, water-purification tablets, clothes, blankets, can opener, tools, toilet paper, moist towels, garbage bags, solar cellphone charger, etc.
- If a family member receives life-sustaining treatments (e.g., dialysis), identify alternate treatment locations in case yours becomes incapacitated.
- Take a picture of yourself with your pets in case you should become separated.
- Safely store emergency cash in case ATMs aren't working.

Should disaster strike, you'll need access to financial and legal records. Take these steps now to ensure easier access when the time comes:

- Create a log of all account numbers, emergency numbers, contact information and passwords for your bank and credit card

accounts, loans, insurance policies, utilities and other important accounts.

- Update it regularly and save hardcopies in secure, offsite locations such as a safety deposit box or with a trusted friend living in another area.
- You can also email the list to yourself in an encrypted, password-protected file, save it on a CD or USB drive, or use a cloud-based storage service that will let you access it from any Internet connection.
- Make PDF copies of tax returns, insurance policies and legal documents and save offsite, as above, in case your files or computer are damaged. Also make digital copies of invaluable family photos, documents and memorabilia that money can't replace.

If you ever need to file an insurance claim or claim a tax deduction for lost, stolen or damaged property, it'll be much easier if you have an inventory of everything you own – photos or videos are even better. Try the Insurance Information Institute's free, secure home inventory software application (www.iii.org).

Also, investigate what is and isn't covered by your insurance policies for natural disasters. You may need additional coverage for damage associated with hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes and other weather conditions.

Bottom line: Having a family emergency plan in place could lessen the blow should disaster strike.

Area Announcements

The Mission House distributes CSFP (Cheese) Commodities monthly to Hickman County residents who are 60 years or over, meet the income guidelines, and are pre-registered. Pick up dates are Thursday & Friday after the third Tuesday of each month.

Every Monday:

- AA meets at 8 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Clinton.

First Monday:

- Masonic Lodge 131 F&AM meets the first Monday night of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Second Monday:

- Library Board meets the second Monday at the library at 4.
- **The Hickman Co. Arts Council** will meet the fourth Monday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Young Center. The public is invited to attend. www.hickmancoarts.com.

Every Wednesday:

- 7 a.m.- Community Prayer Service at First United Methodist Church.

Every Wednesday and Saturday:

- **The Hickman Co. Museum** is open every Wednesday from 1 - 4 p.m..
- **Hickman Co. Memorial Library** Open Tuesday through Friday from 2-5 p.m. and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- **Hickman Co. Board of Education** normally meets the third Thursday of every month
- **Clinton City Council** meets first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at Clinton City Hall and **Columbus City Council** meets at 6 p.m., the first Monday of the month at Columbus City Hall.
- **The Mission House** is open Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and first Saturday of the month.
- **The Hickman Co. His-**

torical and Genealogical Society Center is open Wednesday & Saturdays from 1-4 p.m. For appointment, call LaDonna Latham at 653-4190 or Norma Gene Humphreys at 653-6208

- **Wesley United Methodist Church** on Hwy. 1529 East will have their community breakfast the last Saturday of each month at 6:30-8:30 a.m. Everyone welcome.
- **Hickman County Fiscal Court** will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 23.
- **Water Service Corporation of Kentucky** will hold a public meeting Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at Hickman Co. Senior Center.
- **KY Secretary of State** and candidate for US Senate Alison Lundergan Grimes will have a bus tour through the river counties on Saturday, June 21st. She will be in Clinton at the Woman's Club Building on East Jackson Street at 11 a.m. Refreshments will be served.

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR AREA VETERANS

Veterans and their families will be provided counseling and assistance in filing claims for state and federal benefits. This is a free service provided by the state of Kentucky. For more information please contact Ron McClure, Regional Field Representative, Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA) at (270) 247-2455 ext. 73905, or email ronald.mcclure@ky.gov.

Schedule for week of June 23 - 27, 2014.

Monday, June 23-NOT AVAILABLE

Tuesday, June 24-9:00 ñ 2:30, Mayfield, VA Clinic, 1253 Paris Rd, By Appointment, walk-ins will be scheduled an appointment. Visit the Clinic, email ronald.mcclure@ky.gov or phone 270-247-2455 extension 73905 to schedule an appointment.

Wednesday, June 25-9:00 ñ 2:30, Mayfield, VA Clinic, 1253 Paris Rd, By Appointment, walk-ins will be scheduled an appointment. Visit the Clinic, email ronald.mcclure@ky.gov or phone 270-247-2455 extension 73905 to schedule an appointment.

Thursday, June 26-9:00 ñ 2:30, Mayfield, VA Clinic, 1253 Paris Rd, By Appointment, walk-ins will be scheduled an appointment. Visit the Clinic, email ronald.mcclure@ky.gov or phone 270-247-2455 extension 73905 to schedule an appointment.

Friday, June 27-NOT AVAILABLE

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA) is considering the financing of loans for the development and completion of 2 swine finishing buildings, located in Hickman County. The proposed operation is not considered to have any significant environmental impact. A draft of the environmental assessment can be viewed at the FSA Farm Loan Team office located in Graves County.
If you have any questions or concerns, please address them in writing to the Farm Service Agency, 1000 Commonwealth Drive, Mayfield KY 42066. All signed comments must be received at this address by July 9, 2014.

Community News

Area Obituaries

Daniel Adams

Daniel Adams, 84, of Clinton, Ky., died at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, June 15, 2014, at Arbor Place of Clinton. Arrangements were incomplete at Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield.

Rebecca Mott

Rebecca Mott, 61, of Murray, Ky., died Wednesday, June 11, 2014, at her home. She was an LPN and a homemaker. She was a member of First Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband, Terry W. Mott; one daughter, Debra Baker of Clinton; one son, Michael Mott of Hazel, two sisters, Jennie Corsey of Murray and Wendy Orten Harper of Princeton; two brothers, Mike Orten of Murray and Ken Orten of Princeton; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters and one infant brother. Her parents were Kenneth Orten and Betty Oliver Eaves. Services were at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 14, at J.H. Churchill Funeral Home in Murray. Martin Severns officiated, with burial in Murray City Cemetery.

Senior Chatter

by Wendy

Hello everyone! These past few weeks have really been disheartening for me. As many of you have read by now, the State has decided to cut the Adult Day Care program out. This was a very important program for our community. Along with that closing we lost a huge chunk of our grant money. It is extremely important for you as the community to continue or even begin participation in our remaining programs we have here at the Center. We offer lunch daily at 11 a.m. Just by coming and eating lunch with us would be a great big help. Anyone over 60 years of age that participates in our lunch program, transportation program, and health programs helps us to earn grant money. This is vitally important to the Center being able to continue serving Hickman County. If you need information on how any of these programs work please feel free to call me at 270-653-4314. Upcoming events: **Thursday June 19** at 10 a.m. Come in and get your

Blood Pressure screening for free. **Tuesday June 24** at 1pm Health Education Class- Dairy Education given by Lisa Adams, UK Ext. Menu as follows: **Wednesday, June 18** Cuban style pork roast, mashed potatoes, spinach, roll, fruit cobbler and milk. **Thursday, June 19** Tuna salad, potato salad, black bean & corn relish, mandarin oranges and milk. **Friday, June 20** Fish, American fried potatoes, seasoned cooked cabbage, cornbread, brownie and milk. **Monday, June 23** BBQ chicken, corn on the cob, salad, roll, watermelon and milk. **Tuesday, June 24,** Stuffed bell peppers, mashed potatoes, roll, baked apples and milk. I look forward to seeing the Center packed this week!!! Please remember all donations big and small are greatly needed and appreciated.

The Wilderness Voice

by Pastor Tom Hoskins

LANDMARKS. “Remove not the ancient landmarks which thy fathers have set” (Proverbs 22:29). Civilized nations have always had political, cultural and moral boundaries that the general population observed. History has shown, as a nation ages, future generations begin to break down those boundaries and become far removed from the convictions and cultural mores of their forefathers. For example, as farms have consolidated and grown larger, fences and old landmarks have gone by the wayside to make room for large equipment. The danger comes when we begin to apply this to our society. The family is in shambles today. It’s description is a moot question. We have destroyed

the old landmarks. We average a rampage shooting in some public forum once a week now. We have removed the old landmarks of justice and punishment to fit the crime. Babies are aborted in assembly line fashion and such atrocity doesn’t make small print on the back page. We have become a nation of sophisticated heathenism. God says, “Thou shall not kill” (murder actually). We have removed the old landmarks. Every part of our society has lost its way. The early Christians met in prayer at Pentecost and a great wind from heaven blew upon them. Today a great wind is blowing across our land, but it is not from heaven. It is the hot wind of hell and it is engulfing our land.

Second Baptist Church News

By Teresa Walton Pearson

We hope everyone had a Happy Father’s Day. Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother”--which is the first commandment with a promise “that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth. Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 6: 1 - 4 June 8 - 13 Second Baptist held Vacation Bible School with an average of 116 kids and adults who came out to see Buster and Bonnie Lou and learn about Jesus. The theme this year was “Workshop of Wonders, Imagine & build with God.” The church library is doing good, lots of books have been donated and 20 - 30 books are checked out each week. Our theme is “Study to shew thyself approved unto God.” 2 Timothy 2:15 Thanks to everyone who have donated books and supported the library. Bro. Dustin is preaching Revival at East Hickman Baptist Church June 15 - 17 and at Mis-

issippi Baptist Church August 3 - 8. Please be in prayer for these services. Happy Anniversary this week to: David & Michelle Romero and Adam & Julie Cagle Please pray for: Teen Garrison, Megan Grubbs, , Kay Jones, Thomas Dublin, James Feezor, Harold Jackson, Bobby Johnson, Ricky Lynch, Carol Russell, Betty Fortner, Rocky James, Tom Baker, Betty Fortner, Billy Lamb, Dennis Caldwell, Rhonda Barnt, Marlene Kimmons, Grayson Stewert, Josephine Shadwick, Helen Holmes, Josh Harpole, Austin Upshaw, Mildred Morrison, Eloise Harrison, Dorothy Rodgers, Anita Prince, Cathy Howell, Dorothy Hoskins, Craig Causer, Donna Bryan, and Debbie Weeks. At Second Baptist we believe that “everybody is somebody and Jesus is everything.” Visitors are always welcome at Second Baptist Church. Sunday School starts at 10am. Worship service is at 11am. Sunday night worship service is at 6 pm. Wednesday night 7 pm. Pastor Bro. Dustin Cunningham.

Ice Cream Supper at Jackson Chapel on June 20

Jackson Chapel Church will have an ice cream supper Friday, June 20 starting at 5:30 at the church. They will have hamburgers, corncogs, pie, cake and homemade ice cream. It is sponsored by the youth and everyone is welcome.

State Health Insurance Assistance Program Plans Event To Assist Individuals With Medicare Questions

The PADD’s State Health Insurance Program is sponsoring a Medicare Monday event at the Hickman County Senior Citizen Center on Monday, June 23rd from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM. This free event is open to the public and is offered to help individuals struggling to understand Medicare health and prescription drug coverage. If you’re 65 or will soon turn 65 years of age, now is a good time to learn about Medicare coverage, prior to Open Enrollment which will begin on October 15th. With the new health care law, there are benefits available to people with Medicare, including lower prescription costs, wellness check-ups and preventive care. Take advantage of this opportunity to speak with Medicare local expert. This event is sponsored by the Purchase Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living, a program of the Purchase Area Development District. The

Purchase Area Development District contracts with the Kentucky Department of Aging and Independent Living to provide State Health Insurance Program services in the Purchase Area. For more information, contact Kellie Oliver at the Purchase Area Development District by calling toll-free at 1-800-866-4213.

Beelerton Buzz

by Tammy Byrd

Happy birthday wishes to Carolyn Kimbell on the 17th. Bro. Randy McClure on the 18th, Deena Stephens Morrison on the 19th, Pat Collins and Jackson Mullins on the 20th, and to Glenda McClure on the 22nd. Happy anniversary wishes to Justin and Brittany House on the 15th, Bro. Ron and Shirley Cruse on the 16th Larry and Melba Turner on the 17th, Ralph and Sue Laster and to David and Chassity Cox on the 20th, Bill and Carol Morgan and to James N. and Sandra Vaughan on the 22nd I hope everyone has a great day! Don’t forget next Tuesday, 24th, is the annual HFRECC meeting held at the Clinton Elementary School. I always look forward to this every year and have been attending since about the age of 15 only because I remember winning the girls bicycle that year at Fulton County High School. I remember it being held under a tent, then at the school in Hickman, then at Clinton at the fairgrounds, and now at the elementary school. I love getting to see friends, neighbors, and classmates during this time. A surprise family get-together was enjoyed by Dale Batts, Helen Bostick, and Duward McCalister. In thinking that they were attending a farm related trip they were treated to the Grand Ole Opry and the Opryland Hotel. Family members attending included Craig Batts, Chad Batts and Amanda, John and Lark Bostick of FL., Hadley and Susan Bostick Hays of Jackson, Tn. and daughters Suzanne Fry and Allison Fowler and children. What a great surprise and a fun time together! Wayne and Linda Lawrence attended a family reunion on Linda’s side in central IL. All 9 of Linda’s siblings were in attendance. Seventy-five fam-

ily members coming from FL., Arizona, So Carolina, Texas, Mo, Tn, and Ky enjoyed seeing and visiting with each other and while in that area they visited with Wayne’s family. Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 29 to attend Mt. Zion church as they welcome their new pastor and wife, Bro. Dennis and Debbie Gardner. A pot luck meal will follow the morning worship. Everyone is invited to come out and welcome Bro. Gardner to our community. On that evening, will be the 5th Sunday singing held at the Union CP Church. This a joint effort with Bayou de Chein, Mt Zion, and Greater Antioch Baptist church. A pot luck meal at 5 with the singing to begin at 6. I had a Jesus take the wheel week. This song sung by Carrie Underwood says “Jesus take the wheel, take it from my hands cause I can’t do this on my own, I’m letting go so Jesus take the wheel.” I truly asked Him to take the wheel and He did and I just sat back and enjoyed the ride! Come Monday morning, I’m asking Him to take the wheel again. So I challenge you if you are faced with something that you can’t do on your own let go and ask Jesus to take the wheel and you to can enjoy the ride! Our prayer concerns include David Collins (upcoming test), Vicki Batts (dental issues), Wesley’s pastor’s wife, Gail Quinton (upcoming dental work), Wanda House, Connie Jackson, Elnora Clifton, our youth, USA and its leaders, nursing home residents, and our military. We extend our Christian sympathy to Joe and Sharon Johnson in the loss of their son, Lee Johnson. May God bring you comfort during this time of grief and pain. In closing, have a blessed week!

City Wide Revival in Clinton June 27-29

There will be a No More Church As Usual City Wide Revival at the Hickman County Fair Grounds in Clinton, Ky. June 27 – 29 at 6:30 p.m. each night. Preachers will be: Friday, June 27 – Evangelist Christal Mason of World Harvest Church in Paducah. Saturday, June 28 – Pastor Dustin Cunningham of Second Baptist Church in Clinton, Sunday, June 29 – Pastor Buster Johnson of New Beginnings Ministry in Water Valley. For more information call 404-914-0736 or e-mail preachword66@gmail.com

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News

Carpenters for Christ help build West Hickman Baptist Church

Charlotte Smith

Within two days time, the concrete foundation for the West Hickman Baptist Church (WHBC) was transformed into a structure with walls. Carpenters for Christ arrived on Tuesday, June 3, and began construction on the site on the 1099 Bypass the following morning.

By late Wednesday afternoon four walls were in place. On Thursday, June 5, work continued, which included the placement of the trusses with a crane first supplied by C&S Construction.

Over the last 30 years men affiliated with the Baptist faith gather together the 10 days before Father’s Day and set their sights on constructing a church. Perry Lee, one of those 100 Carpenters for Christ, is also a Senator in the state of Mississippi. “I became affiliated with this organization 10 years ago,” stated Lee, guest speaker of the Hickman Rotary Club last Thursday. “I stay because I have grown personally in my walk with the Lord.”

Lee says going on a Carpenter for Christ trip is contagious. “If you go one time, you will be hooked,” he promised. “Most of the men who volunteer for this are tradesmen and they don’t get paid when they don’t work, but they give of their time, receiving a tremendous blessing when being a part of building these churches.”

A Carpenter for Christ begins his day at 5:30 a.m. with breakfast and devotion. With ten men devoting all of their time to preparing the meals. The food is definitely worth it, Lee adds. The men pay \$120 for the food that they eat.

One evening, when they had left over food, they made a generous donation to ARK (Alternative Resources for Kentuckians).

“We gave the food to two needy families,” stated Kathy Lane. “They were so appreciative to have it.”

The men gather in a circle holding hands at the job site before they begin their day’s work. They work until 11:30 a.m., breaking for lunch and more devotion.

“We work until 5 or 6 p.m. each day,” noted Lee. “We go back to the school and have a wonderful supper.” On Sunday, June 8, they spent some down time at Columbus-Belmont State Park.

The goal for the 10 days is to construct the walls, put up



The building site of West Hickman Baptist Church

the trusses, add windows and doors, nail down the roof, lay the brick and sometimes even install the shingles, if there is time. “We call this blackened or ‘in the dry.’ This is our goal before we leave,” said Lee. Wiring and plumbing are also areas of the project they tackle when they can.

They have four professional carpenters, a brick mason and a certified electrician and plumber on site. Tom Pyron, from Hickman County, is the project manager. “Everyone else does whatever they tell us to do,” added Lee. “This is our 10-day miracle. God does it. We are just the vessel. We show up and he uses us to build a church.”

Watching the process, the presence of God is evident. The men, who vary in age from teens to retirees, not only volunteer their time, they are ecstatic to be in Hickman building this church.

Among all the different aspects of taking on a project this size in 10 days, the volunteers take time to teach others. Some of the children of the church could be seen learning the different facets of laying the concrete blocks and brick. Individuals were also allowed to write their names on the blocks before making

them a permanent part of the structure.

Lee credits the ‘Prayer Warriors’ of WHBC to bringing the Carpenters for Christ to Hickman. Even though Lee doubted it, he said that Tim Langford informed him that Carpenters for Christ would come to Hickman to build their church because that’s what they prayed for. “After praying about it, we wound up not going to our initial destination, which opened the door for us to come to Hickman. So the next time I need anything I am going to call Hickman, Ky., WHBC and have them pray for me because here we are,” concluded Lee.

Monday saw volunteers from five local churches joining the volunteers from 12 different states.

Byram, Miss., Mayor Richard White has been the lone volunteer to sustain minor injuries during the build.

As of Tuesday, June 10, despite some rain showers, the volunteers continued to place trusses above the classrooms, add more blocks and brick, additional interior framing, and so much more. Before lunch, they did gather in the sanctuary for a prayer. The volunteers will be in Hickman through Thursday, June 12.



Carpenters for Christ took a short trip from Hickman to Columbus-Belmont State Park last weekend for a picnic.



Smith From Pg. 1

back in Clinton to work on a regular basis since he has a lot of respect for the people there.

In the twin cities of Fulton, KY and South Fulton, TN, Dr. Smith is one of the leaders responsible for starting the free health care clinic for people who work but have no insurance. He was a founding member of the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate. He has a passion for many things, but one in particular is recruiting good people to move to our area.

Dr. Smith and his wife, Ann Mahan Smith, a Fulton native have made their home in Fulton for several years. They are active in the University of Kentucky Alumni Association. Dr. Smith is an avid reader, loves history and dogs. The couple has three very well-loved dogs.

Ellegood

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word- amazing. Awesome! Or perfect! I did get ‘I’m having a blast!’ And the nightly ‘Good night. I love you,’” said Estes.

“Their itinerary is cram packed. They have armed security guards and licensed medical professionals with them at all times and they have their own photographer. If they want their picture made with someone or something, they just tell the photographer. At the end of the trip, each student will get a disk of all the pictures from the week.”

“This trip is truly a dream come true for Haley-Marie,” explained Estes. “She plans to go to school at UK & major in history and political science.

“My mom’s side of the family nicknamed her ‘Condaleeza’ when she was only 5-6 years old. She is unbelievably knowledgeable about U.S. history and has won countless awards over the years- the most recent of which was in May, a plaque presented to her by Woodmen of the World for Outstanding Proficiency in American History,” continued Estes. “She has been able to recite all of the U.S. Presidents, Vice Presidents, and First Ladies since elementary school.

As a freshman, she was invited to the UK See Blue event held annually at the Carson Center. When we approached the Admissions Department booth, she introduced herself to the lady behind the table who replied, ‘Wait a minute! Aren’t you that kid from Western Kentucky who knows all that Presidential History stuff?’ I must say, it made this momma quite proud!” Estes concluded.

DISTRICT COURT REPORT

The following cases were heard before the Hon. Hunter B. Whitesell II during Hickman County District Court on 6/16/2014. This is not an official docket.

Amanda M. Nichy. Criminal Abuse-2nd Degree- Child 12 or Under. Pleaded not guilty. Preliminary Hearing set for 6/30/14 at 10 a.m.

Charles A. Rubey. Criminal Abuse-2nd Degree- Child 12 or Under. Pleaded not guilty. Preliminary Hearing set for 6/30/14 at 10 a.m.

Cassandra J. Mayes. Speeding 13 Mph. Over Limit. Improper Passing. FTA.

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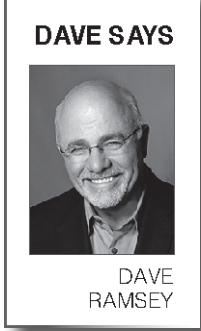
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Joe

Dear Joe,
I’m really sorry to hear about your mom. I know you’ve got a lot of emotions going on right now, and taking on the task of overseeing the estate is a serious responsibility.

There are two issues here. One, as the executor you have to decide what’s best for the estate. Number two, do any of the other heirs want these things? I wouldn’t want them, I can tell you that. I realize they’re basically free things—all you have to do is pay the maintenance fees—but by the time you do that, you probably could’ve gone somewhere else. For that kind of money, you can stay in some pretty nice spots and not have the ongoing liability.

Right now, the estate has the responsibility for the maintenance fees. I would call the timeshares and tell them the estate isn’t going to keep them, and that you’re going

to deed them back to the companies. The way I look at it, you can have a lot of fun for \$1,500 a year. You can go where you want, when you want. You’re not roped into a specific place and date. Part of the appeal of getting away is being able to go where you like at a time that’s right for you.

I understand there may be some sentimental value attached to these, Joe. But timeshares are a horrid, inconvenient product. My sentiment would be, “I’m out of here!”

—Dave

* Dave Ramsey is America’s trusted voice on money and business. He has authored five New York Times best-selling books: Financial Peace, More Than Enough, The Total Money Makeover, EntreLeadership and Smart Money Smart Kids. His newest best-seller, Smart Money Smart Kids, was written with his daughter Rachel Cruze, and recently debuted at #1. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 8 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

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Adrian Perry shows the dinosaur he made out of Play-Doh.



Summer Fun Day

The Hickman County KAPS Center held another Summer Fun Day on June 10 at the elementary school to promote reading for second and third grade students.

During the program students read the story Dinorella, wrote their own poems and made dinosaurs. They also enjoyed pizza and played dinosaur games. Each child received a treat bag to take home and reading logs to encourage daily reading.

The remaining dates for the Summer Fun Days are June 17, June 24 and June 26. If a parent has questions about the program call the Family Resource Center at 270-653-2291.

Debbie Watson reading the story "Dinorella" (A dinosaur fairy tale similar to Cinderella).



Eli Prince Shows the dinosaur he made.



Cora Clark makes a dinosaur scene.



Students writing their own poem using "alliteration."

UK Alumni Scholarship recipients

Mason Garland, Greg Wheeler, and Ethan Cunningham, a 2013 HCHS graduate, all received a \$750 scholarship from the University of Kentucky Alumni Association. Both Wheeler and Cunningham will be returning to Lexington in the fall, whereas Garland will be starting his post-secondary education. Ethan Cunningham is the son of Bruce and Vera Cunningham. (Photo by David Whitesell)



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